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**IMMIGRATION BOND:** 

Bond Conditioned for Voluntary Departure under § 240B of the Immigration

and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229c

ON BEHALF OF OBLIGOR:

Self-represented

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director Administrative Appeals Office **DISCUSSION:** The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the Field Office Director, Detention and Removal, St, Paul Minnesota, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record indicates that on May 14, 2004, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for the voluntary departure of the above referenced alien. An order of the immigration judge (II) dated May 10, 2004, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before July 10, 2004. The bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On June 15, 2004, the BIA rejected the appeal. On August 23, 2004, the field office director concluded the bond had been breached.

The appeal has been filed by the bonded alien. Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. The alien is without standing in this proceeding.8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a).

An immigration bond is a contract between ICE and the obligor. The obligor or the attorney-in-fact is the proper party to appeal the ICE decision to breach the bond. *See Matter of Insurance Company of North America*, 17 I&N Dec. 251 (Act. Reg. Comm. 1978).

The regulations provide that an appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee ICE has accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v).

**ORDE2**: The appeal is rejected.